

MOVE IT, YOU DUMB BINT!



I'M TRYING! IT WON'T START!

I'M RUNNING LATE, YOU UGLY CUNT!



DO YOU THINK I WANT TO BE HERE?

TELL HIM HE CAN FINISH YOU OFF WHEN YOU GET HOME!



I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE...

WRONG PEDAL, BITCH! IT'S THE ONE ON THE RIGHT!



I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN



UGLY SLUT!

G-A-S!
IT GOES IN
THE TANK,
STUPID!

FAT
WHORE

TAP
TAP
TAP

STUPID
BITCH!

DUMB
BROAD!

COW!

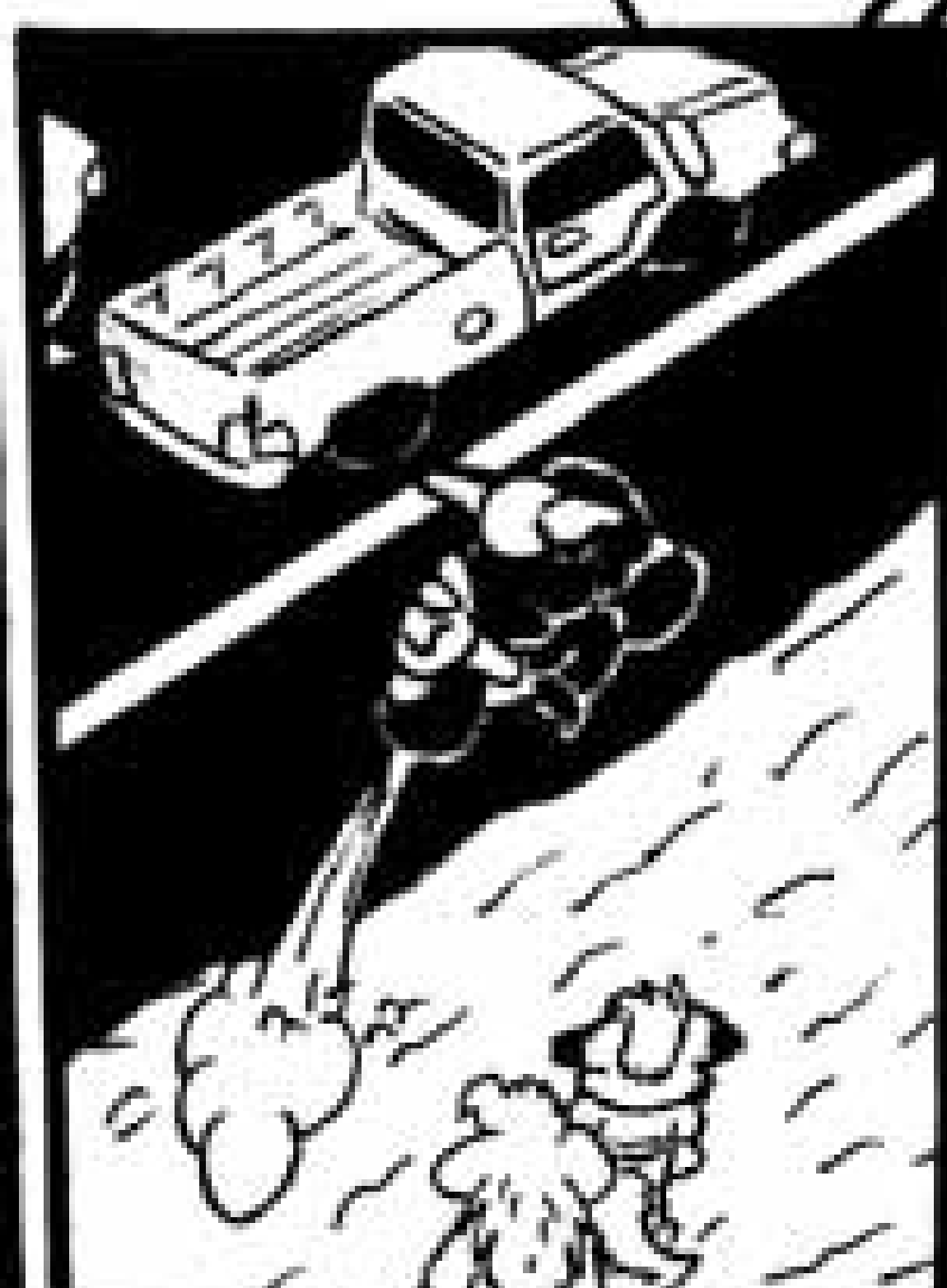
EXCUSE ME,
MA'AM?

CAN I HELP
YOU MOVE YOUR
CAR?





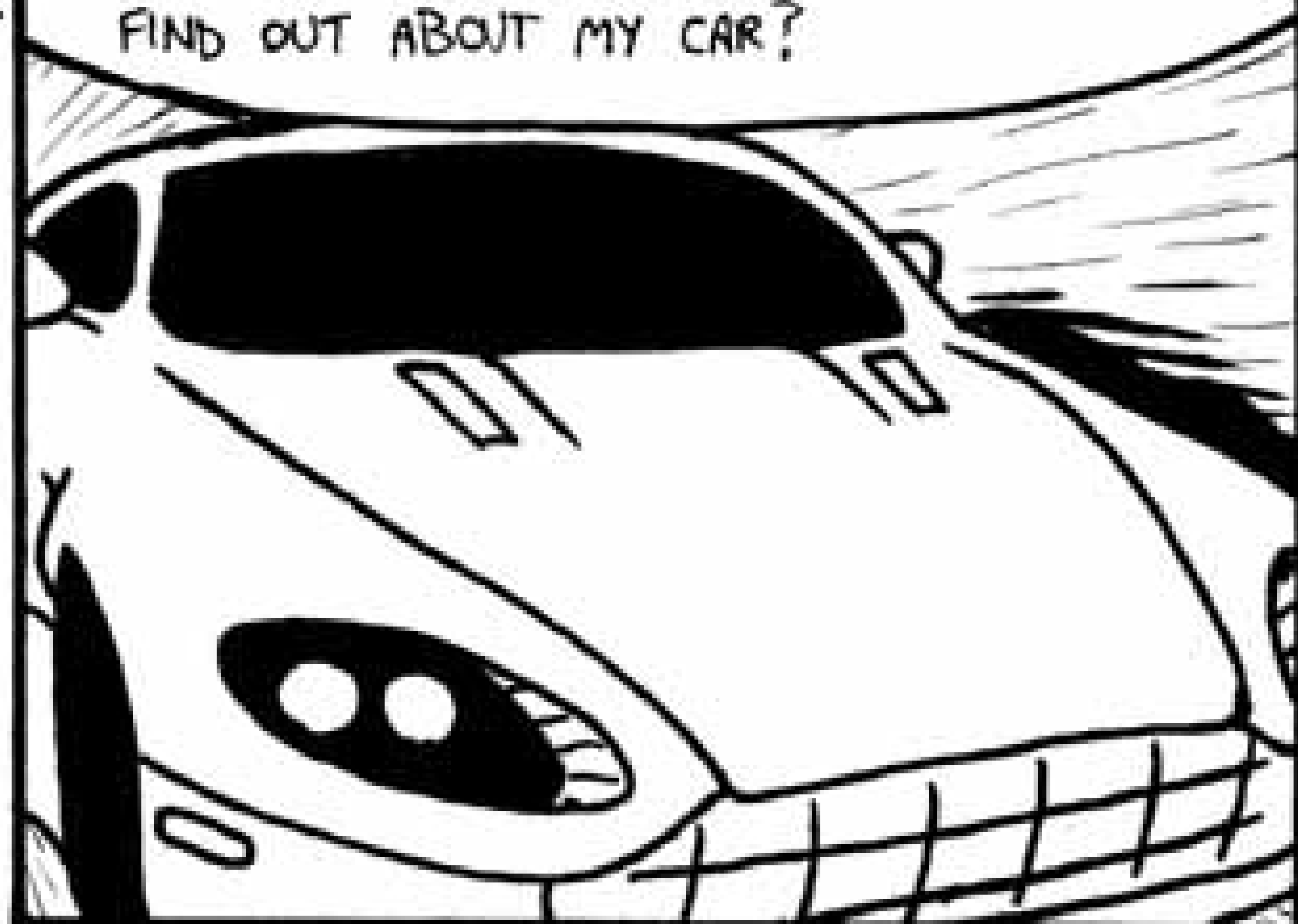




MEANWHILE YOUR KIDS ARE PROBABLY WONDERING WHERE YOU ARE. LET ME DRIVE YA HOME?



UM... HOW DO I GET A HOLD OF YOU TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY CAR?



MY NUMBER'S ON THE CARD



THIS IS IT, RIGHT?



YES. 1--1

DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN REPAY--

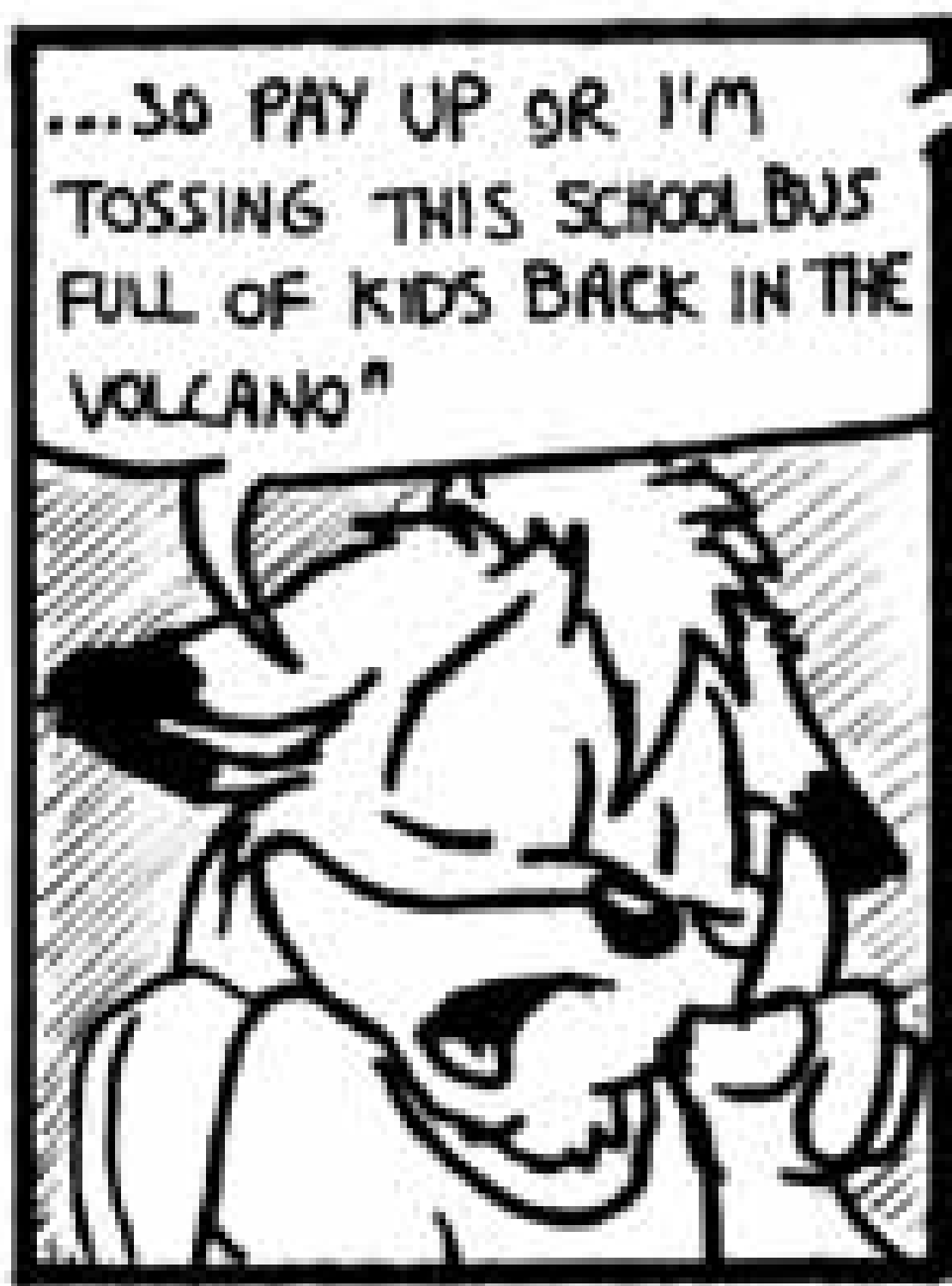
MA'AM? WHEN A SUPERHERO SAVES THE DAY, HE DOESN'T SAY



'WELL, MAYOR, THAT'S THREE GRAND FOR THE ORPHANAGE AND ANOTHER TEN FOR THE ANTS. BY THE WAY, I DON'T TAKE CHECKS...



...SO PAY UP OR I'M TOSSING THIS SCHOOLBUS FULL OF KIDS BACK IN THE VOLCANO"



NO! HE SAYS...



'YOUR THANKS IS THANKS ENOUGH!'



WHICH... I GUESS SOME PEOPLE WOULD THINK IS STUPID. HE COULD MAKE SOME BIG BUCKS THE OTHER WAY.



CAN I INVITE YOU IN FOR DINNER?

I'D LIKE TO BUT I'M AFRAID
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT
I CAN'T IGNORE.

THAT'S TOO BAD. I'M
MAKING LASAGNA.

AWW, I LOVE LASAGNA

I'M AFRAID I JUST CAN'T. AFTER MY
APPOINTMENT, I'LL CHECK ON YOUR CAR.
GIVE ME A CALL ANYTIME.

I
WILL





ART IS ABOUT SLAVING AWAY AT A PROJECT, A STORY, FOR YEARS, JUST FOR EVERY PANEL TO BE THE POTENTIAL BUTT OF SOMEONE'S JOKE.



ART ENCOURAGES AND THEN PUNISHES YOU FOR DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT. YOU CAN TRY TO BE SEEN AS BRILLIANT, BUT YOU'D BETTER EXPECT TO BE SEEN AS DERANGED. AND COUNT ON EVERY MISTAKE FOLLOWING YOU TO THE GRAVE.



PICK YOUR LEAST-FAVORITE PERSONAL MISTAKE. NOW IMAGINE BEING REMINDED OF IT EVERY OTHER MONTH. I ADMIT THINGS LIKE "BAD SECURITY" WERE A MISTAKE.



BUT WHY IS IT THOSE THINGS AND NOT ALL THE OTHER THINGS I'VE DONE HAVE TO BE WHAT DEFINES ME?



MOST PARENTS ARE SCARED OF THE DAY THEIR KID ASKS WHERE BABIES COME FROM. I'M SCARED SHITLESS OF THE DAY RANDY ASKS "DADDY, DID YOU DRAW THIS?"



THEN AGAIN, ANY ARTIST WORTH HIS SALT IS ALSO A COLLOSSAL BLOWHARD WHO SPENDS HOURS SCAPBOOKING PRETENTIOUS RANTS SO MAYBE I'M WELL ON MY WAY AFTER ALL.



WHY DO YOU KEEP DRAWING IF YOU HATE IT?

BECAUSE I WAS ABUSED BY MY MOTHER AS A CHILD AND AM NOW DRAWN TO THE ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP ART PROVIDES.



OH, BULL. THAT ISN'T IT...

WHAT ABOUT THOSE LETTERS YOU GET?



"DEAR SIR, YOU'VE MADE ME THINK ABOUT MY LIFE, ETCETERA, DECIDED TO GO BACK TO CHURCH AND SO ON"?

CRITICS DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT THAT. THEY'LL SAY IF SOME COMIC ON THE INTERNET CHANGED SOMEONE'S LIFE, THAT JUST SPEAKS OF THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO'D READ IT.



BESIDES, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE LIFE YOU SAVE.

OH KNOCK IT OFF. IF YOU KEEP GUESSING EVERY BAD WAY PEOPLE MIGHT REACT TO WHAT YOU DO, YOU'RE JUST TURNING INTO ONE OF YOUR OWN WORST CRITICS. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BE WHAT THEY ARE?



NO.



I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH AN OPTIMIST?



BECAUSE I'M SUPERMAN



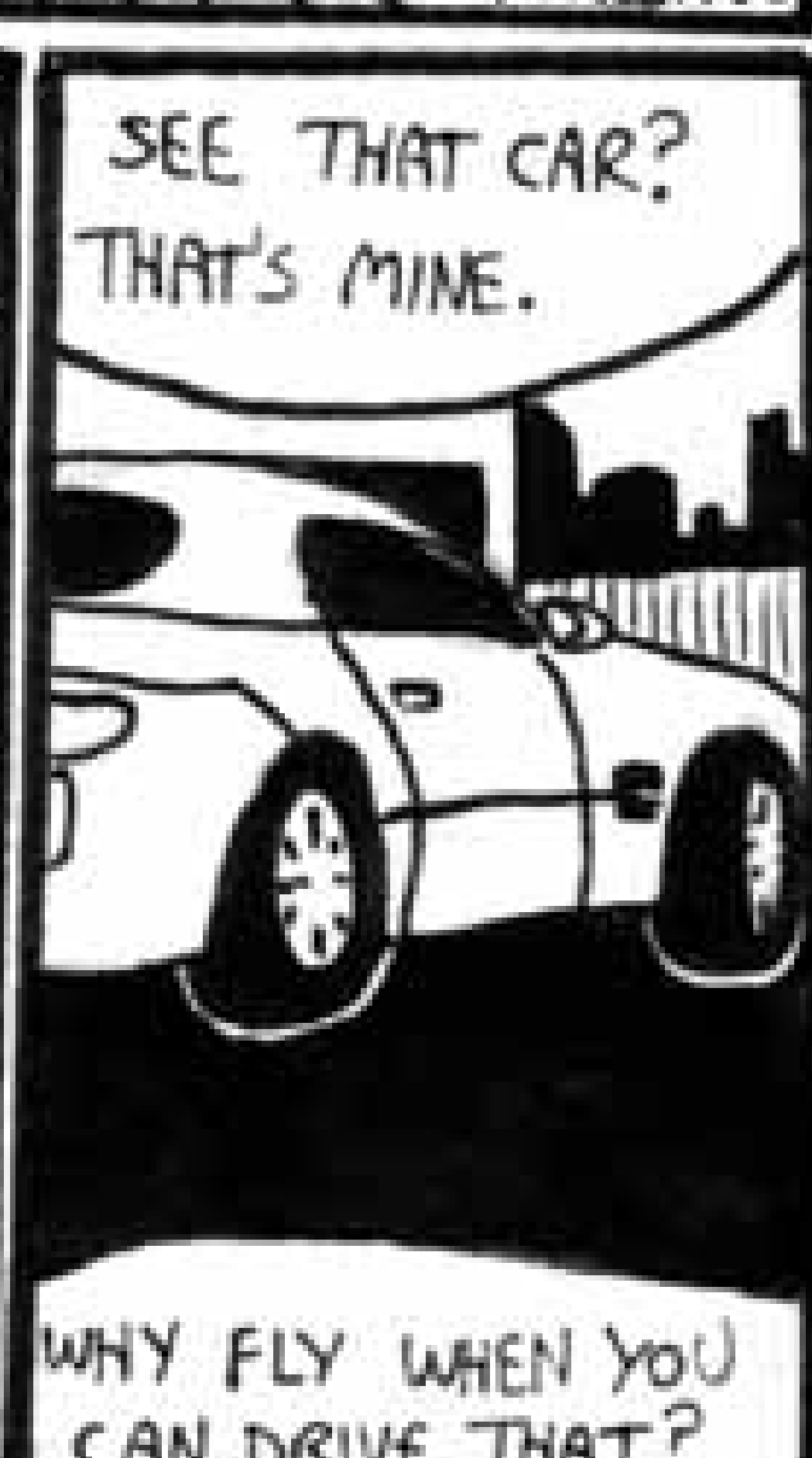
HMM. RIGHT. I FORGOT.

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY... YOU'RE DRIVING ON THE FREEWAY, AND SOMEONE NEEDS TO GET IN YOUR LANE. YOU COULD DO NOTHING, YOU COULD SPEED PAST HIM, OR YOU COULD TAP THE BRAKE AND LET HIM IN. IF YOU TAP HIM IN, HE'LL GIVE YOU A THANK-YOU WAVE. IT TAKES MORE ENERGY TO WAVE THAN TO TAP THE BRAKE SO YOU JUST MADE A POSITIVE ENERGY PROFIT!



... I SEE. SO ITS KIND OF LIKE HOW IT TAKES LESS ENERGY TO PICK FLOWERS...

THAN FOR YOUR WIFE TO GIVE YOU HEAD.





SO GIVE ME A TRY. I CAN DO ANYTHING.



CAN YOU KEEP SOMEONE FROM DYING?
SO I CAN SEE HIM ONE LAST TIME?

OH....ER, NO, I DON'T THINK I CAN.



MY FATHER IS DYING AND HIS SHIP IS STILL TWENTY HOURS FROM PORT. THE ON-BOARD DOCTOR SAYS HE'LL BE DEAD BY THEN.



SO NOW I'M JUST WAITING FOR THEM TO CALL AND TELL ME THAT HE'S PASSED...



THANK YOU FOR CARING.



BUT THERE IS NOTHING ANYONE CAN DO.





I CAN'T BELIEVE
I'M DOING THIS...

AWW, ITS NOT
THAT UNBELIEVABLE,
IS IT? I NEED TO
MAKE A FEW STOPS
ON THE WAY.



CAN YOU
DIAL A
NUMBER FOR
ME?



YEAH. WHAT
IS IT?

ITS IN
THE PHONE
LIST UNDER
"MIKEY"



TELL HIM I'M TOO
RUSHED TO EVEN GET OUT
OF THE CAR AND TO MEET
ME IN HIS DRIVEWAY IN
TWO MINUTES.

WHO DO I
SAY IS CALLING?



TELL HIM THE TRUTH. TELL HIM
ITS SUPERMAN.



.... RIGHT....



HELLO? UH, MIKEY? LISTEN, UM,
"SUPERMAN" WANTS TO SEE YOU
IN YOUR DRIVEWAY.



DID YOU SAY SUPERMAN? TELL HIM I'M STEPPING OUT THE DOOR
RIGHT NOW!







THANKS, MAC,
I OWE YA ONE



NO PROBLEM. ALWAYS
HAPPY TAKING SUPERMAN
OUT TO FLY.



THE SS BERTHED IS
TWO MILES OUT. CALL
WHEN YOU NEED A
RIDE BACK



TELL
CAPTAIN
CHARLIE
I SAID
HI.

WE READY TO GO?

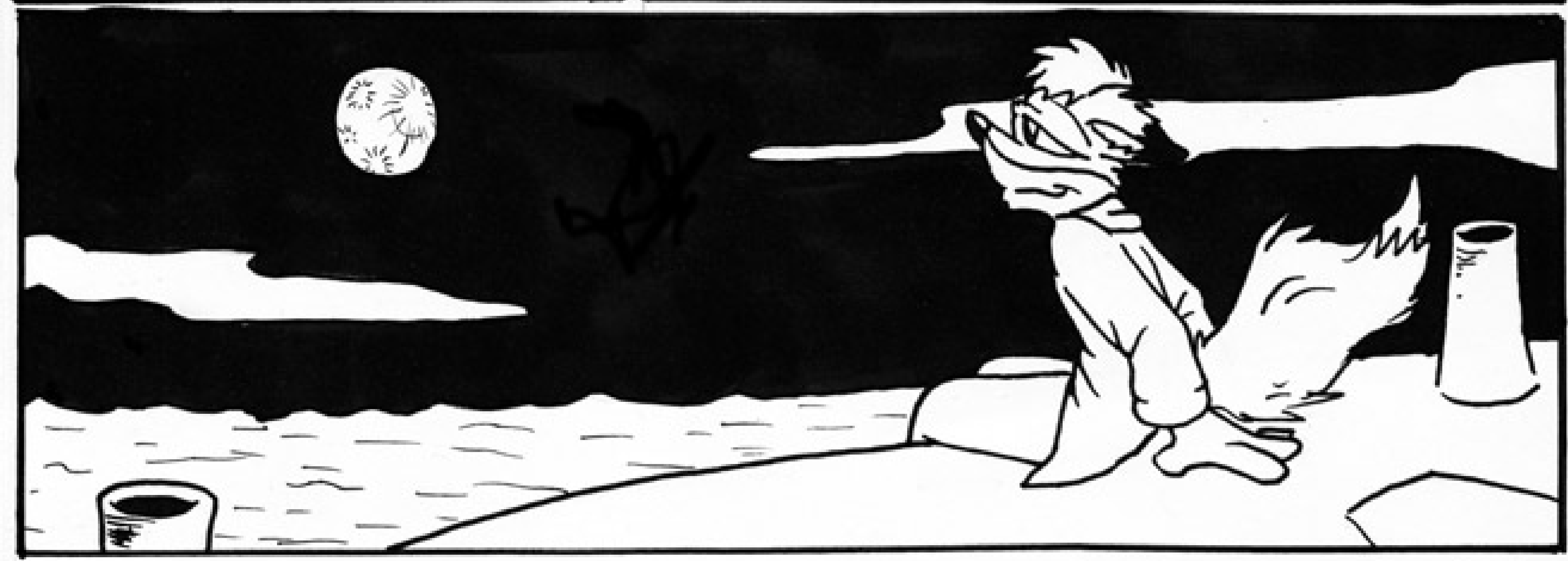


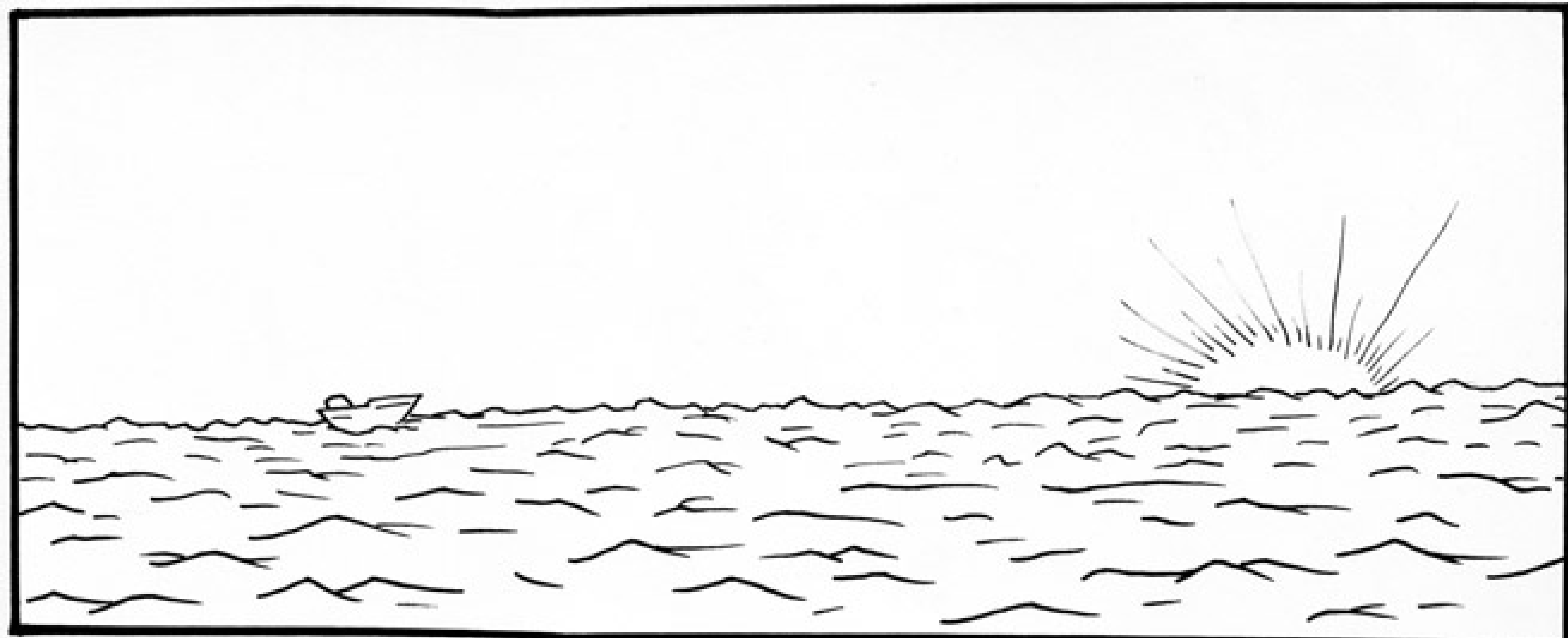
WAITING ON
YOU.



THEN LET'S
DO IT.







I'VE ALWAYS LOVED
THE SUNRISE

I HAD A JOB AS A
SECURITY GUARD DOING
NIGHT SHIFTS FOR A
COUPLE OF YEARS.

THE BEST PART ABOUT IT WAS SEEING
THE SUN SET AND THEN RISE AGAIN EVERY
DAY.

WELL, YOU
KNOW...

AND PLEASE FORGIVE ME,
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT THIS
TYPE OF CONVERSATION...

SUPERMAN IS SUPPOSED TO
GET HIS ENERGY FROM THE
SUN.

"SUPPOSED TO"? YOU MEAN YOU
DON'T KNOW?

HOW THE HELL SHOULD I
KNOW? I'M NOT SUPERMAN.

BUT YOU HAVE A CARD THAT
SAYS YOU'RE SUPERMAN.

I BET THERE'S A FORTUNE MADE EVERY CHRISTMAS FROM "KRIS
KRINGLE" BUSINESS CARDS. MY NAME IS SWIFTY.

CONNIE, ITS REALLY GOOD
TO MEET YOU.

WHY SUPERMAN?

LOVED SUPERMAN WHEN I WAS A KID.

ESPECIALLY LOVED THE STORIES WHERE HE HOPPED BACK AND FORTH JUST HELPING PEOPLE AND SAYING

"MY WORK HERE IS DONE."

AND DO YOU KNOW WHY HE HELPS THOSE PEOPLE?


WHY?

BECAUSE HE'S SUPERMAN! HE DOESN'T EXPECT A REWARD OR AN ATTA BOY. HE'S NOT EVEN TRYING TO GET INTO HEAVEN! HE DOES IT BECAUSE ITS RIGHT!


HE BELIEVES ABSOLUTE POWER DOES NOT HAVE TO CORRUPT ABSOLUTELY.

AND HIS MANTRA - "TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND *AHEM* THE AMERICAN WAY"...


... IS SIMPLY THE UNIVERSAL MANTRA THAT ALL FREE SPIRITS LOVE AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER BY.




AND THAT'S WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT.
WE DON'T NEED OFFICIALS.
WE JUST NEED EACH OTHER.




OH! I'M SORRY, CONNIE.
I DON'T MEAN TO RAMBLE ON
WHILE YOU'RE -



NO, NO... MY FATHER WAS
THE SAME WAY.




WHEN I TOLD HIM ABOUT
WHAT YOU DID FOR ME, HE SAID
"SEE, CONNIE? HELP OTHERS AND
THEY'LL FEEL THE NEED TO PASS IT
ON. IN THIS WAY, YOU CAN MAKE
THE WORLD BETTER."



WHEN I WAS A KID,
I THOUGHT I WANTED
TO BE SUPERMAN, BUT WHEN
I GOT OLDER, I REALIZED I
JUST WANTED TO BE LIKE
HIM. HELP OTHERS JUST
BECAUSE I CAN.

I'VE NEVER BEEN
BIG INTO COMICS, BUT
I'LL TRY TO BE MORE LIKE
SUPERGIRL FROM NOW
ON.



OH, PLEASE
NO...

SHE WAS
A TART!

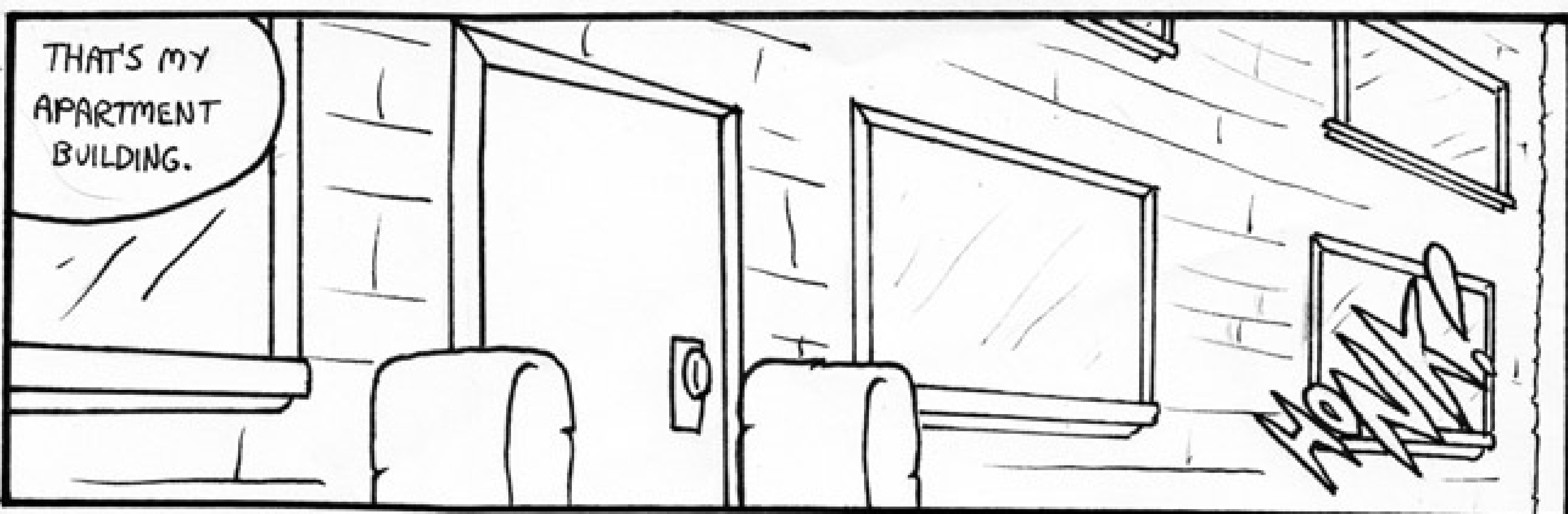


BEING WITH MY FATHER
FOR HIS LAST MOMENTS
WAS THE GREATEST GIFT I'VE
EVER RECIEVED...

AND I KNOW IT WAS
IMPORTANT TO HIM TOO.
THANK YOU.



THAT'S MY
APARTMENT
BUILDING.



NOT A BAD PLACE, BUT
I'M AFRAID I HAVE NO
TIME TO WALK YOU
IN.

TIGHT
SCHEDULE?



YES. FIVE-YEAR-OLD SIMONE HAS
LOST HER FRISBEE ON HER ROOF AGAIN.



TOO BAD.

ANYTHING ELSE I
CAN DO FOR YOU?



SINCE YOU ASK ... I
COULD USE A JOB.

DO YOU
STILL HAVE
MY CARD?

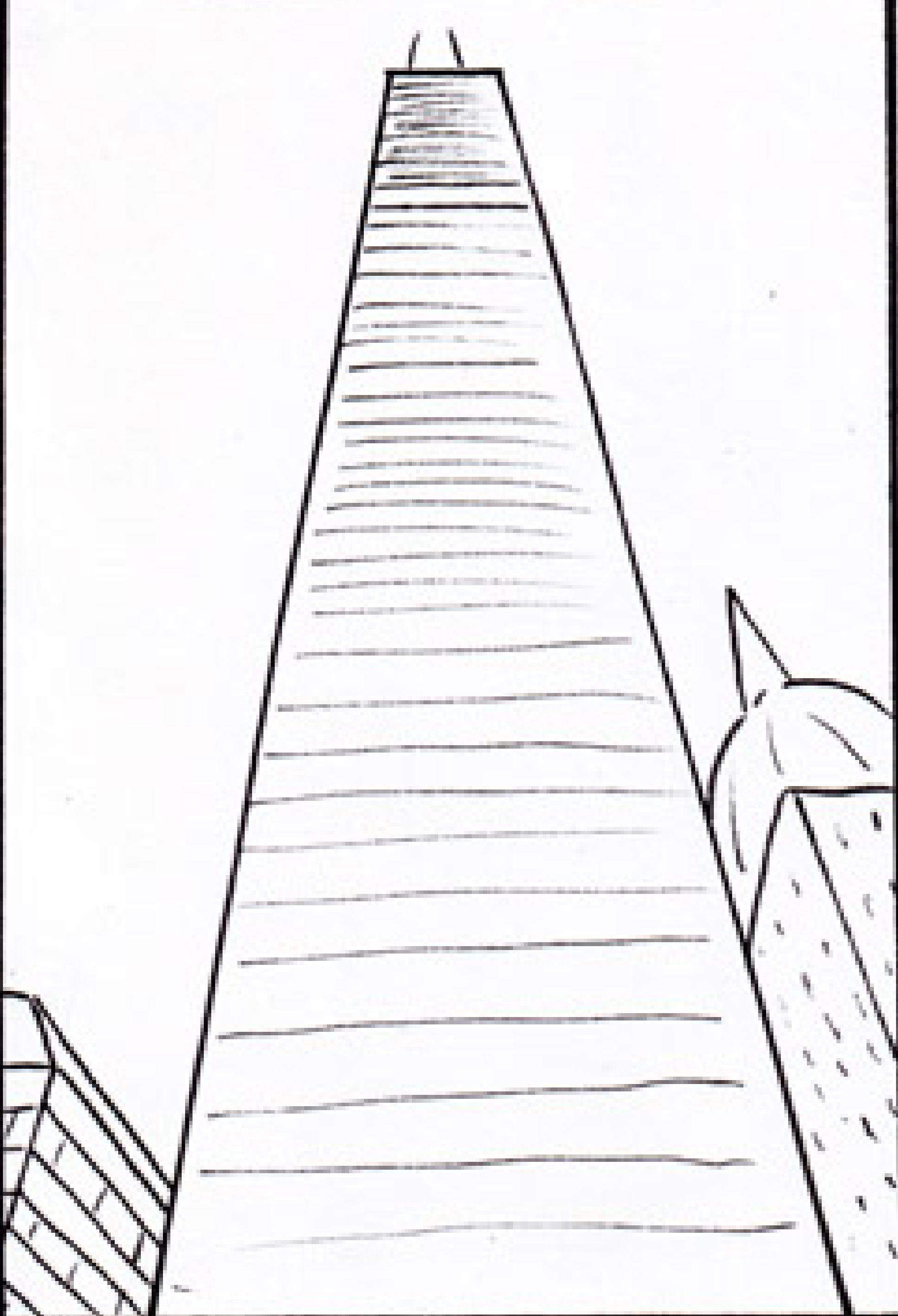


CALL THIS NUMBER. I'LL
LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE COMING.





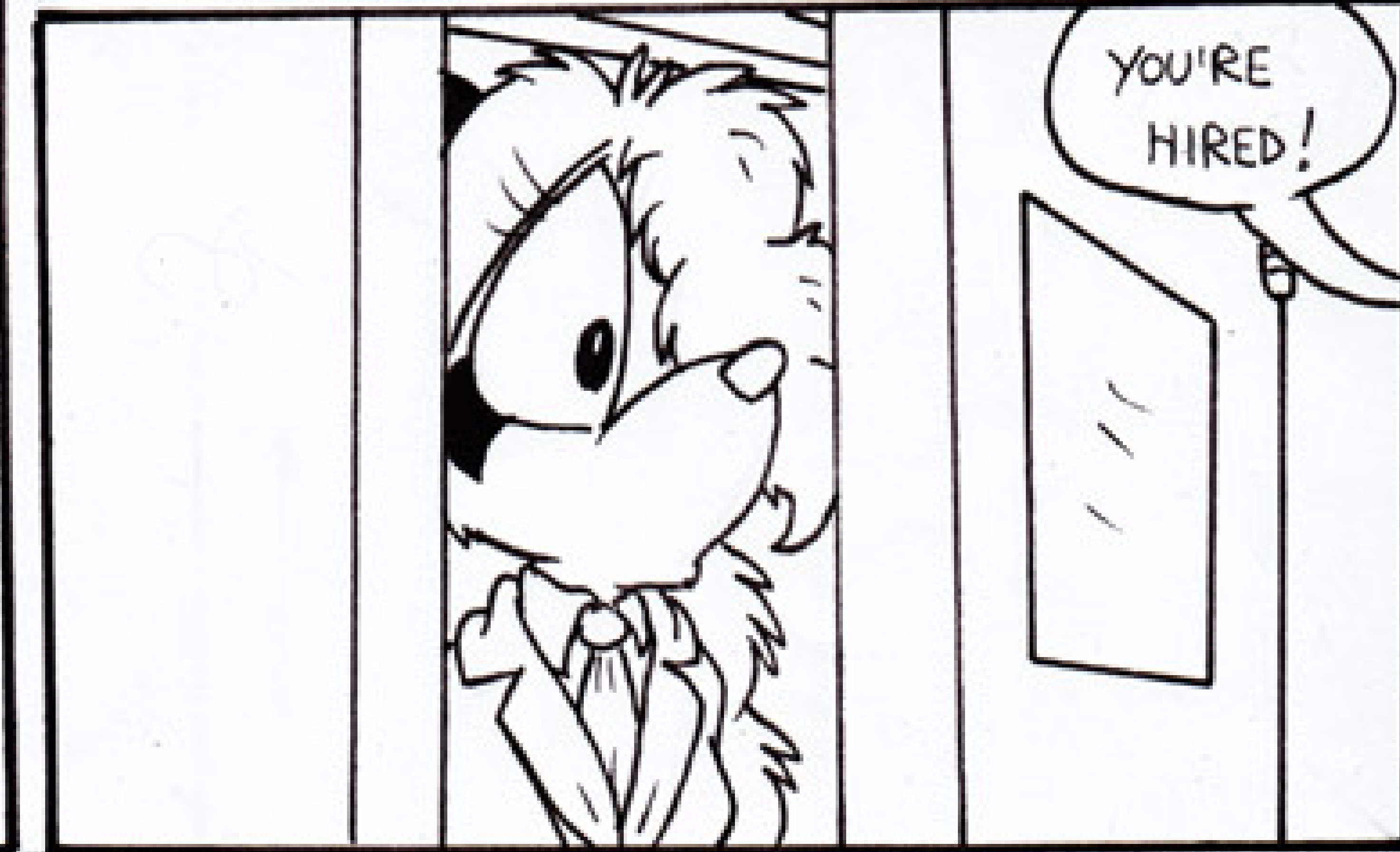
OH YES, CONNIE. WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.



THE INTERVIEWS FOR THE
OPEN POSITION ARE BEING
CONDUCTED ON THE TOP FLOOR.
ELEVATORS ARE JUST AROUND
THE CORNER



THANK YOU.





TTFN

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